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SUMMARY: ACCORDING MFA OFFICIAL, QUESTIONS RE AGENDA AND ATTENDANCE AT LAHORE ISLAMIC SUMMIT TO BE SETTLED BY TWO THIRDS VOTE AT PRELIMINARY FONMIN MEETING. SUMMIT ITSELF WILL PROBABLY SEEK CONSENSUS RATHER THAN VOTE ON SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES. PROPOSED AGENDA TO INCLUDE MIDDLE EAST WAR AND FUTURE OF JERUSALEM. GOP WILL WORK TO AVOID TURNING CONFERENCE INTO ANTI-WEST FORUM. PAKS FEEL AFGHAN COMPLAINTS RE MEETING UNFOUNDED. OFFICIAL SAID

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BANGLADESH ATTENDANCE WOULD BE UP TO FONMINS, WITH GOP

INTERPOSING NO OBJECTION. END SUMMARY.

1. EMBOFF CALLED ON FOREIGN MINISTRY DIRECTOR FOR ARAB AND ISLAMIC AFFAIRS, SHAHEED AMIN, JANUARY 11 TO DISCUSS FORTHCOMING ISLAMIC SUMMIT IN LAHORE. AMIN NOTED THAT THIS WOULD BE SECOND SUMMIT MEETING HELD UNDER ISLAMIC CONFERENCE CHARTER, ONLY PREVIOUS ONE HAVING BEEN IN RABAT IN SEPTEMBER 1969. DECISION TO CONVENE IT, HE SAID, RESULTED FROM SUGGESTION BY KING FAYSAL TRANSMITTED THROUGH PRIMIN BHUTTO TO TUNKU ABDUL RAHMAN AT TIME OF MIDDLE EAST WAR LAST OCTOBER. CONVENING MEETING REQUIRED ASSENT OF TWO-THIRDS OF THE THIRTY-MEMBER ISLAMIC CONFERENCE. AMIN NOTED THAT THIS MEETING (IN WHICH PAKISTAN AND SAUDI ARABIA SERVING AS CO-SPONSORS) WAS ENTIRELY DIFFERENT ENTITY FROM THE ANNUAL ISLAMIC FOREIGN MINISTERS' MEETINGS HELD UNDER SAME CHARTER, LAST OF WHICH WAS IN BENGHAZI IN MARCH 1973 AND NEXT SCHEDULED FOR KABUL IN MAY 1974.

2. IN FACT, AMIN SAID, THERE WILL BE THREE SEPARATE MEETINGS IN LAHORE: OFFICIALS (I.E., SECRETARIAT PLUS ADVANCE REPS OF PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES) ON FEBRUARY 13-14, FOREIGN MINISTERS FEBRUARY 19-20, AND HEADS OF STATE/GOVERNMENT FEBRUARY 22-24. QUESTIONS CONCERNING AGENDA, MEMBERSHIP AND VOTING WILL BE SETTLED AT NIREIGN MINISTERS MACZJNG BY TWO-THIRD MAJORITY AS PRESCRIBED IN CHARTER. AMIN NOTED THAT CHARTER DID NOT SPECIFY PROCEDURES FOR VOTING ON SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES AT SUMMIT ITSELF, BUT SAID HE EXPECTED SUMMIT WOULD SEEK CONSENSUS RATHER THAN ACTUAL VOTES.

3. IN REPLY TO EMBOFF'S QUESTIONS, AMIN SAID AFGHANISTAN HAD COMPLAINED THAT PAKS HAD CONVENED CONFERENCE IN ORDER STEAL THUNDER FROM KABUL AS HOST FOR MAY 1974 FOREIGN MINISTERS' MEETING AND THAT AFGHANS ALSO HAD NOT RECEIVED INVITATION TO CONFERENCE. THEY WERE WRONG ON BOTH COUNTS, HE ASSERTED. LAHORE SUMMIT WAS CALLED TO DEAL WITH EXTRAORDINARY ISSUES ARISING OUT OF OCTOBER WAR WHILE FOREIGN MINISTERS' CONFERENCE IS RETULARLY SCHEDULED ANNUAL EVENT THAT CAN TAKE PLACE IN KABUL IN MAY AS PLANNED. "INVITATIONS", AS SUCH, TO LAHORE SUMMIT DID NOT EXIST:  
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ATTENDANCE WAS MATTER OF RIGHT FOR ALL MEMBERS. GOP HAD SENT EMISSARIES TO SEVERAL COUNTRIES DURING EARLY PLANNING STAGES IN ORDER TO NAIL DOWN ARRANGEMENTS, BUT SOME COUNTRIES HAD FELT LEFT OUT SO EMISSARIES WERE SENT (OR OFFERED) FROM PAKISTAN TO ALL THIRTY COUNTRIES (REFTEL).

4. AS TO BANGLADESH, AMIN SAID ATTENDANCE AT SUMMIT WOULD BE AUTOMATICALLY OPEN TO ALL THIRTY MEMBERS PLUS ANY OTHER

STATES WHO WISHED APPLY AS EITHER NEW MEMBERS OR OBSERVERS AND WERE ACCEPTED BY TWO-THIRD VOTE OF FOREIGN MINISTERS. HE CLAIMED THAT BANGLADESH WAS NOT MEMBER OF ISLAMIC CONFERENCE AND HAD NOT APPLIED FOR MEMBERSHIP AS OF LAST FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING. PAKISTAN HAD, HOWEVER, MADE IT KNOWN THAT IT WOULD HAVE NO OBJECTION TO BANGLADESH ATTENDING AS EITHER MEMBER OR OBSERVER. (WOULD THUS APPEAR TO EMBASSY THAT BANGLADESH APPLICATION TO ATTEND IN ANY CAPACITY WOULD HAVE TO BE RECEIVED BY FEBRUARY 19 FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING AT VERY LATEST TO BE ACTED UPON.) AMIN NOTED THAT 13 OF THE THIRTY MEMBERS STILL DO NOT RECOGNIZE BDG.

5. AS IS CUSTOMARY, PAKISTAN AS HOST HAS SUGGESTED AGENDA: THE MIDDLE EAST WAR AND THE FUTURE OF JERUSALEM (THE LATTER, AMIN EXPLAINED, BECAUSE JERUSALEM WAS A MATTER OF CONCERN NOT ONLY TO THE ARABS BUT TO MUSLIMS IN GENERAL). GOP, AMIN SAID, WOULD ATTEMPT TO DISCOURAGE EXTREMIST POSITIONS AND HAD ADVISED MEMBERS THAT IT WOULD BE COUNTER-PRODUCTIVE FOR CONFERENCE TO TURN INTO FORUM FOR DENOUNCING US OR WEST IN GENERAL. MUSLIMS NEED US ASSISTANCE IN PUTTING PRESSURE ON ISRAELIS, HE SAID.

6. CANADIAN EMBASSY ISLAMABAD HAS REPORT THAT UGANDA STRONGMEN IDI AMIN, ALTHOUGH NOT INVITED TO LAHORE SUMMIT, PLANS TO SHOW UP ANYWAY. THIS SHOULD ENLIVEN PROCEEDINGS\*  
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